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Examining Group 11647

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: : David C. Rueger and Marjorie M. Tucker
Application No. : 08/822,186
Confirmation No. : 6062
Filed : March 20, 1997
Title : IMPROVED OSTEOGENIC DEVICES AND
METHODS OF USE THEREOF FOR REPAIR OF
ENDOCHONDRAL BONE AND
OSTEOCHONDRAL DEFECTS
Group Art Unit : 1647
Examiner : D. Romeo

New York, New York
May 21, 2002

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO NOVEMBER 21, 2001 FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This responds to the Final Office Action mailed November 21, 2001.

Applicants have petitioned concurrently herewith to extend the time for response to the Final Office Action for three months from February 21, 2002 up to and including May 21, 2002 and have paid the required fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136(a) and 1.17(a)(3).

Applicants have proposed the following claim amendments. They do not introduce any new matter or raise any new issues that would require further consideration or search. Applicants submit that the proposed amendments place the claims into condition for allowance, or at least present the rejected claims in better

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